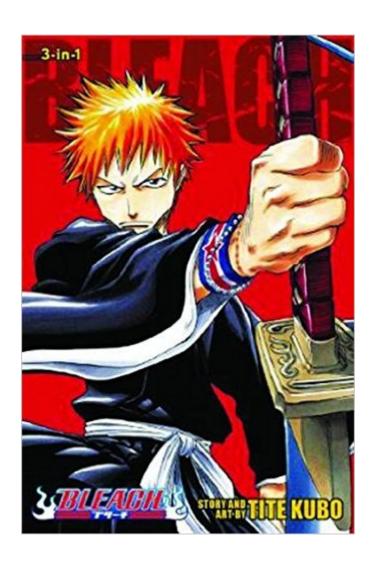
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# Bleach (3-in-1 Edition), Vol. 1: Includes Vols. 1, 2 & 3





### Synopsis

The sword-wielding afterlife adventure just got bigger with this collection of Bleach volumes!Reads R to L (Japanese Style), for audiences T Containing volumes 1, 2 and 3 of Bleach! Ichigo Kurosaki has always been able to see ghosts, but this ability doesn't change his life nearly as much as his close encounter with Rukia Kuchiki, a Soul Reaper and member of the mysterious Soul Society. While fighting a Hollow, an evil spirit that preys on humans who display psychic energy, Rukia attempts to lend Ichigo some of her powers so that he can save his family; but much to her surprise, Ichigo absorbs every last drop of her energy. Now a full-fledged Soul Reaper himself, Ichigo quickly learns that the world he inhabits is one full of dangerous spirits, and along with Rukia--who is slowly regaining her powers--it's Ichigo's job to protect the innocent from Hollows and help the spirits themselves find peace. The paranormal action-adventure begins now!

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Vol. 1: Death & Strawberry - Fantastic beginning volume to a very long running series which is currently publishing in the 50's and still going! This has a bit of everything: humour, battles, monsters, paranormal, romance, etc. Things start off with two main characters and only a few supporting ones allowing the reader to get to know the characters without being bombarded with too much as often happens in volume one of manga series. It felt like everyone was shouting at each other all the time making Ichigo, ie "Strawberry", a little hard to get used to but by the end of the first

volume he had softened up to the changes in his life and I've taken a liking to both him and the female Rukia. A teensy bit on the violent side, ordinary teen s\*xual innuendo making the T 13+ rating spot on. Ends with an exciting cliffhanger and an overall brilliant first volume that has me excited about reading this series. (5/5)Vol. 2: Goodbye Parakeet, Good Night My Sista - I am completely hooked! This volume continues on introducing us to the characters while getting on with the plot and keeping the soul reapers busy with "cases". I love this aspect of the story, feeling that whenever a new Hollow comes along for the reapers to send home, it should be possible to keep this story fresh for a long time. The first half of the book focuses on Rukia and Chad. I've fallen in love with Chad and sincerely hope he will become a major player and not just a secondary character as he seems now. The second half gets back to the interplay between Ichigo and Rukia as they take on another couple of cases, one involving a strange cloned soul of Ichigo and a new character is introduced, who appears to be a merchant store owner for all the soul reapers' needs.

The first volume of the Bleach 3-in-1 releases combines the first three volumes of the Bleach manga into one edition. Unlike, the VIZBig editions of Inuyasha and Dragon Ball, the physical height of the volume is not drastically different from the regular manga. Also, the paper stock in this edition is of a lower quality than omnibus editions of the Inuyasha and Dragon Ball manga.15-year-old Ichigo Kurosaki is the main character of Bleach, and he is able to see ghosts. After seeing a girl attacking a strange creature in his neighborhood, the girl visits him in his room one night. The girl says she's a Soul Reaper, and is surprised that Ichigo can see her. At that point, another creature, called a Hollow, appears and terrorizes Ichigo's father and sisters. The Soul Reaper, who introduces herself as Rukia Kuchiki, is injured when she tries to protect Ichigo. When things look their bleakest, Rukia says she will transfer some of her powers to Ichigo so he can protect his family. However, Ichigo unintentionally absorbs all of Rukia's power, and he himself becomes a Soul Reaper. With his new powers, he is able to destroy the creature. Since Rukia has lost her powers, she must pose as an exchange student at Ichigo's school while in an artifical body. We are also introduced to several of Ichigo's classmates, including Orihime, Tatsuki, Mizuiro, Chad, and Keigo. During this volume, Ichigo has to help Orihime, who is being followed by a Hollow who wants to eat her soul. Chad also ends up with a parakeet that has the soul of a young boy sealed away in it, and the bird is being chased by a Hollow. The concept of a mod soul is also introduced in this volume.

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